

5           WOUND CLOSURE DRESSING WITH CONTROLLED STRETCHABILITY

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15                   Abstract of the Disclosure

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          A stretchable and contractible wound closure  
dressing is disclosed having an adhesive bodyside layer  
preferably formed of an hydrocolloid-containing liquid-  
absorbing adhesive material layer, a vapor-permeable  
elastomeric backing layer secured to one surface of said  
adhesive layer, and a multiplicity of flexible but  
essentially non-stretchable reinforcing members extending  
in spaced parallel relation across said dressing for  
preventing stretching of said dressing only in directions  
parallel with said members.

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